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On August 3, 2001
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2001.

A petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

~~Please cancel claims 13 and 14 without prejudice.~~

Please amend claims 3, 4, 10, and 17 as follows.

E | Claim 3 (Twice Amended) The process of claim 4, wherein the protein is a transmembrane protein.